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WASHINGTON, July 29, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,155 in June, compared with 2,291 in May and 3,144 in June last year, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first six months of 1981 totaled 11,571, compared with 26,154 during the same period of 1980.

A total of 3,861 cars were placed in service in June, compared with 4,268 in May and 8,008 in June 1980. Through the first half of this year, 28,027 cars were delivered, compared with 49,240 a year ago.

As of July 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered totaled 32,770, compared with 36,117 on June 1 and 78,119 on July 1, 1980. So far this year, the average monthly backlog is 40,631, compared with 97,082 at the same time last year.

The AAR also reported that 108 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in June, compared with 67 in May and 178 in June 1980.

As of July 1, taking retirements into account the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 28,005, compared with 28,532 on July 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of July 1 was 196, compared with 287 on June 1 and 787 on July 1, 1980.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	June		May	Six Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	3,442	7,521	3,779	25,196	45,560
Built New in R.R. Shops	339	381	364	2,180	2,779
Built New - Total	3,781	7,902	4,143	27,376	48,339
Rebuilt	80	106	125	651	901
TOTAL DELIVERED	3,861	8,008	4,268	28,027	49,240
Locomotives	108	178	67	433	1,033

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	927	3,144	1,791	10,218	22,408
To be built New in R.R. Shops	228	0	0	253	2,877
To be built New - Total	1,155	3,144	1,791	10,471	25,285
To be rebuilt	0	0	500	1,100	869
TOTAL ORDERED	1,155	3,144	2,291	11,571	26,154

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	July 1		June 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	29,744	71,701	32,900	37,007	90,908
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,577	6,350	2,688	3,325	5,752
To be built New - Total	32,321	78,051	35,588	40,332	96,660
To be rebuilt	449	68	529	299	422
TOTAL ON ORDER	32,770*	78,119	36,117	40,631	97,082
Locomotives	196	787	287	372	1,086

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the July 1, 1981, backlog has been reduced by 641 cars.

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